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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1030, SD1
RELATING TO HEALTH**

**REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

Hearing Date: March 25, 2015

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the passage of SB1030,
3 SD1 as a measure to reduce smoking and other tobacco product (OTP) use by young persons.

4 This measure amends §709-908, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) to prohibit the sale or
5 furnishing of tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices (ESDs), to any person
6 under 21 years of age, and further bans persons under 21 from purchasing any tobacco product.
7 The proposed bill also amends the legal definitions of “electronic smoking device” and “tobacco
8 products.”

9 Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable disease, disability, and death in the
10 United States. Nationally, nearly 1,000 youth under the age of 18 become regular smokers daily,
11 and almost one-third of them will die from it. The 2013 Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey
12 (HYRBS) reports that in the State of Hawaii, 10% of high school youth or 4,400 youth currently
13 smoke. Fifteen percent of young adults, aged 18 to 24 years (19,400), are also current smokers
14 according to the 2013 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

15 Increasing the minimum age of legal access (MLA) is a recommended strategy to reduce
16 youth tobacco use. A new scientific report, issued by the Institute of Medicine on March 12,
17 2015, calculates the public health benefits of raising the MLA to tobacco products. The report,
18 requested by the Food and Drug Administration, strongly concludes that increasing the age of
19 sale for tobacco products to 21 will significantly reduce the number of adolescents and young
20 adults who start smoking; reduce smoking-caused deaths; and immediately improve the health of

1 adolescents, young adults and young mothers who would be deterred from smoking, as well as
2 their children. This report also predicts that raising the MLA for tobacco products to 21 will,
3 over time, reduce the smoking rate by 12% and smoking-related deaths by 10%. There would be
4 approximately 223,000 fewer premature deaths, 50,000 fewer deaths from lung cancer, and 4.2
5 million fewer years of life lost for those born between 2000 and 2019.¹ This report is consistent
6 with the analysis in the August issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine* that a “hypothetical
7 health policy model in which the tobacco age of sales is increased to 21 years, projected that
8 youth smoking prevalence could be expected to drop from 22% to less than 9% among persons
9 aged 15 to 17 years within seven years.”

10 The County of Hawaii led the state in enacting legislation in December 2013 to raise the
11 minimum legal age for the sale of tobacco products. There are now four states, and a number of
12 municipalities, including New York City, that have passed similar legislation. Currently, three
13 more states – Utah, Washington State, and California – have introduced “Age 21 Legislation”
14 comparable to SB1030, SD1.

15 National data from the 2012 United States Surgeon General’s report show that 95% of
16 adult smokers begin smoking before the age of 21 years, and 80% try their first cigarette before
17 age 18. Nearly half of adult smokers become regular, daily smokers before age 18; more than
18 75% become regular, daily smokers before they turn 21. This means the 18 to 21 year group is a
19 time when many smokers transition to regular use of cigarettes. Tobacco companies heavily
20 target young adults through a variety of marketing activities because they know it is a critical
21 time period for solidifying nicotine addiction. They have admitted in their own internal
22 documents the importance of increasing consumption within this target group in order to
23 maintain a profitable business. The ESD companies (which are increasingly owned by large
24 tobacco companies) are now using well-established advertising techniques promoting ESDs.

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26 The DOH supports the inclusion of ESDs in this bill as a key element in limiting access to this
27 potentially hazardous product to persons under 21. The University of Hawaii Cancer Center

¹ IOM (Institute of Medicine). 2015. *Public health implications of raising the minimum age of legal access to tobacco products*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.

(UHCC), in a recent report, acknowledges that nearly half of all young adults in Hawaii have tried ESDs, and 28% reported using ESDs in the past 30 days.² A second school-based survey by the UHCC, published in the January 2015 issue of *Pediatrics*, found that 29% of Hawaii ninth and tenth graders in a study; had tried ESDs, one of the highest rates of adolescent e-cigarette only use in the existing literature. The 2013 Hawaii Youth Tobacco Survey showed Hawaii students are experimenting more with ESDs than their peers in the continental United States. Usage has tripled among our high school students and quadrupled among middle school students from 2011 to 2013.

SB1030, SD1 could increase the age gap between adolescents initiating tobacco use, including ESDs, and those who can legally provide them with tobacco products. It could reduce the risk of young people transitioning to regular or daily use. Adolescents would find it more difficult to pass themselves off as 21-year olds than 18-year olds, and it would simplify identification checks for retailers. The DOH supports SB1030, SD1 as a viable strategy to reduce access to tobacco for a young and vulnerable population and prevent a lifelong addiction. **Offered Amendments:** For the purposes of consistency, the DOH recommends amending SB1030, SD1 to include the following definition of ESDs, as approved by the State Attorney General:

““Electronic smoking device” means any electronic product that can be used to aerosolize and deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, hookah pipe, or hookah pen, and any cartridge or other component of the device or related product, whether or not sold separately.”

SB1030, SD1 has a defective effective date of July 1, 2050 and references July 1, 2015 as the date of implementation and the date new signage be posted regarding tobacco products and ESDs. The DOH recommends that the implementation date and mandatory signage compliance dates as outlined in Section 2, subparagraphs 1 and 2, be amended to January 1, 2016 and include the effective date in Section 4.

² Pokhrel P, Little MA, Fagan P, Muranaka N, Herzog TA. Electronic cigarette use outcome expectancies among college students. *Addic Behav.* 2014 Un; 39(6): 1062-5

1 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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Legislative Testimony

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Submitted to the
House Committee on Health
March 25, 2015 at 8:30 am

By
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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 1030 SD1 – RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i supports this bill.

The UH Cancer Center is one of only 68 institutions in the United States that hold the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, and is the only NCI-designated center in the Pacific. The NCI designation provides greater access to federal funding and research opportunities, and gives the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific region access to innovative and potentially life-saving clinical trials without the necessity of traveling to the mainland. Our passion at the UH Cancer Center is to be a world leader in eliminating cancer through research, education and improved patient care.

Because tobacco consumption is a leading preventable cause of cancer, we take issues related to tobacco very seriously, and have always supported strong tobacco control measures in Hawai'i.

Likewise, our perspective on electronic smoking devices is informed by scientific literature, including research done by our faculty at the UH Cancer Center. For example, research conducted in Hawai'i high schools by Thomas Wills, PhD, has confirmed that rates of e-cigarette use by Hawai'i adolescents are at least double the rate of e-cigarette use observed in studies of mainland adolescents. Furthermore, his study published in the peer-reviewed journal *Pediatrics* clarified a reason why e-cigarette use is growing nationally among teens, as his data suggest that e-cigarettes may be operating to recruit lower-risk adolescents to smoking. And recently Pallav Pokhrel, PhD, and Thaddeus Herzog, PhD, published on the topic of e-cigarettes and motivation to quit smoking. Drs. Pokhrel and Herzog also assessed differences between smokers who used e-cigarettes to quit versus those who used FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy. Additionally, these researchers have published on the effects of e-cigarette marketing on harm perceptions, as well as e-cigarette use expectancies and

their impact on e-cigarette use among young adults. This research is vital to gaining an evidence-based understanding of what drives acceptance of this emerging technology, what users believe regarding its safety, and what the consequences are for adolescents, whose brains are particularly susceptible to nicotine.

As scientific research on electronic smoking devices progresses, we will have a stronger basis to adjust laws according to evidence. At the present time, however, caution is warranted. As others have noted, the FDA currently does not regulate e-cigarettes, and thus the consumer has no assurances regarding e-cigarette ingredients. Further, because of the novelty of e-cigarettes, the long term effects of using these devices are unknown. A further concern, not often discussed, is the potential for electronic smoking devices to be used as drug delivery devices for substances other than nicotine.

We respectfully urge you to pass this bill.



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Health Promotion Program

March 24, 2015

TO: Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: SB 1030 SD1 (2015) – **SUPPORT**

Date: Wednesday March 25, 2015

FROM: Members of the University of Hawaii Student Health Advisory Council

The University of Hawaii Student Health Advisory Council strongly supports the efforts to pass SB 1030, SD1 which will raise the age of sale of all tobacco products to 21 years old.

The Student Health Advisory Council is a student leadership and advocacy group that plays a pivotal role in the development and implementation of the health policies and programs that impact the UH System campuses. Tobacco companies target youth and young adults with marketing and advertising designed to get individuals addicted at an early age. In response, we are committed to the mission of improving college health by reducing the use of tobacco products including electronic smoking devices among the adolescent and young adult population.

Tobacco products pose not only a serious public health concern, but are also a detrimental distraction to the learning environment. Therefore, the Student Health Advisory Council strongly supports SB 1030, SD1.

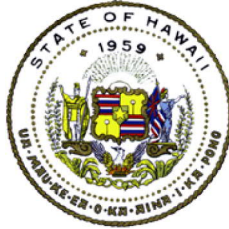
Mahalo nui loa, for your efforts to protect the young people of Hawaii.

Aloha,

Ku‘uleialohaonalani Salzer & Justin Suzuki–Co Chairs

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1131, SENATE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT

Nolan Espinda, Director
Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Health
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 9:30 AM
State Capitol, Room 329

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **strongly supports** Senate Bill (SB) 1131, Senate Draft (SD)1, which is the Administration's vehicle for proposing updates to Hawaii's Uniform Controlled Substance Act, Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 329, to be consistent with changes in Federal law and any emergency scheduling actions taken by the Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) Administrator, as required by HRS Section 329-11.

HRS Section 329-11(d) states that if a substance is added, deleted or rescheduled under Federal law and notice of the designation is given to PSD, then the Department shall recommend that a corresponding change in Hawaii law be made. PSD received notice that the following drug scheduling changes were made by the Federal Government:

- 1) August 22, 2014: The Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) posted the final rule that reschedules hydrocodone combination products from Schedule III to Schedule II of the Federal Controlled Substances Act (Federal Register Vol. 79, No. 163). This action imposes the regulatory controls and administrative, civil and criminal sanctions applicable

to Schedule II controlled substances on persons who handle (manufacture, distribute, dispense, import, export, engage in research, conduct instructional activities with, conduct chemical analysis with, or possess) or propose to handle hydrocodone combination products. SB 1131 proposes to reschedule all products containing Hydrocodone as Schedule II controlled substances under Section 329-16(b)(1)(I) HRS and be deleted from Section 329-18(e) HRS in accordance with Section 329-11(d) HRS.

- 2) August 28, 2014: The Department was given notice that [(7R)-4-(5-chloro-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)-7-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl][5-methyl-2-(2H-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl)phenyl]methanone (suvorexant), including its salts, isomers and salts of isomers, was entered into Schedule IV of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). This scheduling action is pursuant to the CSA, which requires that such actions be made on the record after presenting the opportunity for a hearing through formal rulemaking. This action imposes the regulatory controls and administrative, civil and criminal sanctions applicable to Schedule IV controlled substances on persons who handle (manufacture, distribute, dispense, import, export, engage in research, conduct instructional activities with or possess) or propose to handle suvorexant. The DEA placed an effective date of September 29, 2014 on this scheduling action.
- 3) On July 2, 2014 2- [(dimethylamino)methyl]-1-(3-methoxyphenyl) cyclohexanol (tramadol), including its salts, isomers and salts of isomers, into Schedule IV of the CSA. This scheduling action is pursuant to the CSA which requires that such actions be made on the record after presenting the opportunity for a hearing through formal rulemaking. This action imposes the regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions applicable to Schedule IV controlled substances on persons who handle (manufacture, distribute, dispense, import, export, engage in research, conduct instructional activities with or possess) or propose to handle tramadol.

SB 1131, SD1 would also add one (1) new synthetic cathinone to 329-14(f) and eight (8) new synthetic cannabinoids to Section 329-14(g) HRS. Due to the growing problem of innovative chemists developing new synthetic hallucinogenic substances for

sale to the public as “herbal incense, bath salts, plant food or legal highs” in the State and around the City and County of Honolulu, the NED and the DEA have attempted to protect the public from the ever-increasing numbers of synthetic hallucinogenic substances labeled as “not for human consumption,” but sold in retail shops with the promise of powerful, legal hallucinogenic highs, by placing them in Schedule I and making them illegal to possess or sell.

On December 19, 2014, the NED Administrator received notice of the intent of the DEA’s Deputy Administrator to temporarily add three (3) synthetic cannabinoids into Schedule I. The substances were listed as: N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide (common name: AB-CHMINACA), N-(1-amino-3-methyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-pentyl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide (common name: AB-PINACA) and [1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indazol-3-yl](naphthalen-1-yl)methanone (common name: THJ-2201). This action was based on a finding by the Deputy Administrator that the placement of these synthetic cannabinoids into Schedule I of the CSA is necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to the public safety. After giving proper notice, the State NED Administrator correspondingly scheduled these substances on an emergency basis on January 6, 2015, with effective date of February 7, 2015.

During the months of July through December 2014, State and County law enforcement detected the following new synthetic cannabinoids on the streets of Hawaii and in our prisons: **FUB-AMB** (methyl (1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1 H-indazole-3-carbonyl)-L-valinate) AKA: “Train Wreck 2,” **5-fluoro-AMB**; **5-fluoro-AMP** ((S)-methyl 2-(1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamido)-3-methylbutanoate) AKA: “Kali Berry 2,” **AKB48 N-(5-fluoropentyl) analog**; 5F-AKB48; APINACA 5-fluoropentyl analog; 5F-APINACA (N-((3s,5s,7s)-adamantan-1-yl)-1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide), **STS-135** (N-adamantyl-1-fluoropentylindole-3-Carboxamide; 5F-APICA; 5-fluoro-APICA) and **NM2201** (naphthalen-1-yl 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxylate). During this period law enforcement also discovered a new synthetic cathinone being sold through Hawaii identified as **bk-MDEA hydrochloride** (1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-(ethylamino)propan-1-one, monohydrochloride), also known as MDEC; 3,4-Methylenedioxy-N-ethylcathinone; bk-Methylenedioxyethylamphetamine; Ethylone. All of these substances are being sold

statewide, and there have been seizures made by Federal, State and County law enforcement during warranted searches and during arrest of suspects utilizing these substances to get high.

The adverse effects reported from these incidences have included a variety of the following: seizures, coma, severe agitation, loss of motor control, loss of consciousness, difficulty breathing, altered mental states, sleeplessness, inability to eat and convulsions, which in some cases, resulted in death. The Federal government has documented multiple overdose reports involving AB-CHMINACA, AB-PINACA, or a combination of both substances. In addition, there have been at least four documented deaths involving AB-CHMINACA and three documented deaths involving AB-PINACA. In the State of Hawaii we have had cases involving the synthetic cannabinoids: AB-CHMINACA, AB-PINACA, THJ-2201, FUB-AMB, 5F-AKB48, AKB48 N-(5-fluoropentyl) analog, STS-135 and NM2201. We have also had cases involving a new form of a synthetic cathinone bk-MDEA which is already classified as a Schedule I controlled substance under Federal and State law. The continued uncontrolled manufacture, distribution, importation, exportation, and abuse of these synthetic cannabinoids and cathinones pose an imminent threat to the public's safety. The DEA and NED are not aware of any currently legitimate medical uses for these synthetic cannabinoids or cathinones in the United States.

On January 23, 2015, the PSD was given notice of the removal of naloxegol ((5[alpha],6[alpha])-17-allyl-6-((20-hydroxy-3,6,9,12,15,18-hexaoxaicos-1-yl)oxy)-4,5-epoxymorphinon-3,14-diol) and its salts from the schedules of the Controlled Substances Act. As required by HRS Section 329-11(d), the Department on February 24, 2015 removed naloxegol from Section 329-16(b) Schedule II narcotic drugs. We now respectfully request that the Committee amend Section 329-16(b) to make permanent this rescheduling action.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

Attachment 1

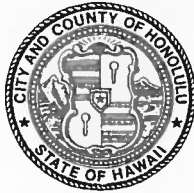
Section 329-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) Any of the following substances, except those narcotic drugs listed in other schedules, whether produced directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of vegetable origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by combination of extraction and chemical synthesis:

- (1) Opium and opiate, and any salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of opium or opiate, excluding apomorphine, thebaine-derived butorphanol, dextrophan, nalbuphine, nalmefene, naloxegol, naloxone, and naltrexone, and their respective salts, but including the following:
 - (A) Raw opium;
 - (B) Opium extracts;
 - (C) Opium fluid;
 - (D) Powdered opium;
 - (E) Granulated opium;
 - (F) Codeine;
 - (G) Ethylmorphine;
 - (H) Etorphine hydrochloride;
 - (I) Hydrocodone;
 - (J) Hydromorphone;
 - (K) Metopon;
 - (L) Morphine;
 - (M) Oxycodone;
 - (N) Oxymorphone;
 - (O) Thebaine;
 - (P) Dihydroetorphine;
 - (Q) Oripavine; and
 - (R) Tincture of opium;
- (2) Any salt, compound, isomer, derivative, or preparation thereof which is chemically equivalent or identical with any of the substances referred to in paragraph (1), but not including the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium;
- (3) Opium poppy and poppy straw;
- (4) Coca leaves and any salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of coca leaves, and any salt, compound, derivative, or preparation thereof which is chemically equivalent or identical with any of these substances, but not including decocanized coca leaves or extractions which do not contain cocaine or ecgonine; cocaine or any salt or isomer thereof; and
- (5) Concentrate of poppy straw (the crude extract of poppy straw in either liquid, solid, or powder form that contains the phenanthrene alkaloids of the opium poppy).”

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March 25, 2015

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
and Members
Committee on Health
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
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Dear Chair Au Bellatti and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 1030, S.D. 1, Relating to Health

I am Raymond Ancheta, Major of the Community Affairs Division, Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 1030, S.D. 1, Relating to Health. This bill amends the definition of "electronic smoking devices" as well as increases the minimum age to purchase tobacco products to twenty-one years old. As law enforcement officers our primary mission is protecting lives. Preventing those below the age of twenty-one from purchasing tobacco products will hopefully allow them to make the informed decision to stay away from tobacco products and the life threatening effects they cause.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 1030, S.D. 1, Relating to Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,


Raymond Ancheta, Major
Community Affairs Division

APPROVED:


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SB 1030, SD1 – RELATING TO HEALTH
Cory Chun, Government Relations Director – Hawaii Pacific
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1030, SD1, which increases the age to purchase tobacco products and electronic smoking devices to 21.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the nation's leading cancer advocacy organization. ACS CAN works with federal, state, and local government bodies to support evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's 2014 report of the health consequences of smoking, 95% of all first tobacco use occurs by age 21.¹ Raising the age on sale for tobacco products to 21 could prevent many young people ages 18-21 from trying tobacco, becoming addicted, and developing a tobacco-related illness.

Recently, the Institute of Medicine issued a report on March 12, 2015, regarding its study on raising the age for tobacco products. According to the report, raising the minimum legal age to 21 is predicted to reduce smoking prevalence by about 12 percent.²

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *The Health Consequences of Smoking—50 Years of Progress: A Report of the Surgeon General*. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health, 2014.

² Institute of Medicine 2015. *Public health implications of raising the minimum age of legal access to tobacco products*. Washington, D.C. The National Academic Press.



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March 25, 2015

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Richard Creagan, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

Re: SB1030 SD1 – Relating to Health

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of SB1030 SD1, which increases the minimum age that an individual can purchase any tobacco product or electronic smoking device from 18 to 21 years of age. This measure has the potential, if enforced, to help prevent a new generation of individuals from starting smoking and, as a result, lessening the prevalence of smoking related chronic disease in our state.

HMSA believes that preventive health is critical to our efforts to create an efficient and effective health care system. SB1030 SD1 is a reflection of that. U.S. employers—and their employees—pick up the tab for a significant portion of health care costs, the largest portion of which is associated with potentially modifiable lifestyle-related chronic illnesses (e.g., smoking, obesity, diabetes). To address this, employers and health plans have developed an intense interest in implementing results-oriented wellness programs in the workplace and in the community in general. A key part of that wellness doctrine includes smoking prevention and cessation programs.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) mandates coverage, at no cost, for preventive services, including smoking cessation services, delineated by the United States Preventive Services Task Force. And, HMSA provides a full-range of services to members in order to assist them with their goal to quit smoking. SB1030 SD1 is an important component of making sure individuals do not have to utilize these services in the first place.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony in support of SB1030 SD1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD", is positioned above the name Jennifer Diesman.

Jennifer Diesman
Vice President
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American Heart Association Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1030, SD1 "RELATING TO HEALTH"

The American Heart Association SUPPORTS SB 1030, SD1 "Relating to Health."

Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, killing more than 400,000 people each year. It is known to cause heart disease, stroke, cancer, and respiratory diseases, among other health disorders, and costs the U.S. \$96 billion in health care expenditures each year. Nearly 1,000 kids under the age of 18 become regular, daily smokers each day; and almost one-third will die from it.

In addition to high tobacco taxes, comprehensive smoke-free laws and comprehensive tobacco control and prevention programs, increasing the minimum legal sale age (MLSA) for tobacco products from 18 to 21 has emerged as another policy strategy to reduce youth tobacco use and help users quit. The concept of increasing the MLSA is not new, however.

New laws to increase the tobacco sale age to 21 were recently approved in Hawai'i County; New York City; Suffolk County, NY; Evanston, IL; Englewood, NJ; and numerous communities in Massachusetts

Because it is a relatively new strategy, direct research on increasing the MLSA to 21 is somewhat limited; but the data that are available provide strong reason to believe that it will contribute to reductions in youth tobacco use. Central to the MLSA strategy are the facts that many smokers transition to regular, daily use between the ages of 18 and 21; many young adult smokers serve as a social source of tobacco products for youth; and tobacco companies have long viewed young adults ages 18 to 21 as a target market group.

Nicotine is incredibly addictive, and adolescents and young adults are more susceptible to its effects because their brains are still developing. Delaying the age when young people first experiment with or begin using tobacco can reduce the risk that they will become addicted smokers.

About 700 kids under the age of 18 become regular smokers each day – one in three will eventually die as result. We should do everything we can to prevent young people from smoking and save lives. Increasing the minimum legal age of sale for tobacco products to 21 will help achieve these goals.

The AHA urges your support of SB 1030, SD1.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Weisman
Hawaii Government Relations Director

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Please remember the American Heart Association in your will.





To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair, Committee on Health
The Honorable Richard Creagan, Vice Chair, Committee on Health
Members, House Committee on Health

From: Jessica Yamauchi, Executive Director

Date: March 24, 2015

Hrg: House Committee on Health; Wed., March 25, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in Rm 329

Re: **Strong Support for SB 1030, SD1, Relating to Health**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in **strong support of SB 1030, SD1**, which raises the age of sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices to 21.

The Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii (Coalition) is a program of the Hawaii Public Health Institute working to reduce tobacco use through education, policy and advocacy. Our program consists of over 100 member organizations and 2,000 advocates that work to create a healthy Hawaii through comprehensive tobacco prevention and control efforts.

The Coalition supports raising the age of sale of tobacco products to 21 to help prevent the initiation of tobacco use among youth.

5,600 kids in Hawaii try smoking for the first time each year and as a result 1,400 of them become regular smokers each year.¹ According to the US Surgeon General's report in 2012, 95% of all adult smokers start smoking before the age of 21.² Three out of four teen smokers continue to smoke into adulthood, even if they intend to quit.³ 1,200 people die from tobacco use or exposure in Hawaii each year.⁴

Delaying the age that youth begin using tobacco will reduce the risk that they will become regular smokers as they get older, leading to lower prevalence rates and saving millions of dollars in health care costs.⁵ Risk for smoking-caused diseases increases depending on how long the person smokes, and smokers who start at a young age are among the heaviest users.⁶

¹ Hawaii State Department of Health, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program. (2011). *Data Highlights from the 2011 Hawaii Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS) and Comparisons with Prior Years*. Available at http://health.hawaii.gov/about/files/2013/06/2011_HYTS.pdf

² U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults: A Report of the Surgeon General. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health, 2012.

³ <http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0127.pdf>

⁴ Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, *The Toll of Tobacco in Hawaii*. http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/facts_issues/toll_us/hawaii

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COALITION FOR A TOBACCO-FREE HAWAII

Tobacco use causes \$132 billion in health care costs in the US each year⁷, including \$526 million in the State of Hawaii.⁸ The measure is expected to reduce these health risks and costs.

In 2013, New York City and Hawaii County, were the third and fourth jurisdictions in the country to pass laws that raise the minimum legal age of sale of tobacco to 21. Since then, more than 40 jurisdictions have passed similar laws. This initiative is growing as officials recognize this as a key prevention measure.

It is important to protect the younger generations from tobacco use. Tobacco companies still market to youth and spend over \$24 million per day on marketing. U.S. District Court Judge Gladys Kessler Final Opinion in the court case *United States v. Philip Morris* stated, "From the 1950s to the present, different defendants, at different times and using different methods, have intentionally marketed to young people under the age of twenty-one in order to recruit 'replacement smokers' to ensure the economic future of the tobacco industry." Tobacco companies have admitted in their business plans, if they don't capture new users by their early twenties, it is very unlikely that they ever will. Raising the age of sale will not only reduce smoking among 18 to 20 year olds, it will also help keep tobacco out of high schools, where younger teens often obtain tobacco products from older students.

Institute of Medicine Report

A new scientific report issued last week by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) concludes that increasing the age of sale for tobacco products to 21 will have a substantial positive impact on public health. Raising the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco products would add 4.2 million more years of life to the next generation of American adults. Nearly a quarter-million fewer premature deaths and 45,000 fewer deaths from lung cancer among people born between 2000 and 2019 is expected. Predicted smoking prevalence would fall from 17.8% to an estimated 12% with the minimum age set at 21. Youth are more vulnerable to addiction as their brains are still developing. Youth between the ages of 15 and 17 would benefit the most from raising the minimum age of legal access more in line with the minimum age to buy alcohol.⁹

Coalition's response to "Age of Majority" and Military Arguments

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⁷ Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, *Toll of Tobacco in the USA*
<http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0072.pdf>

⁸ Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, *The Toll of Tobacco in Hawaii*.
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⁹ Public Health Implications of Raising the Minimum Age of Legal Access to Tobacco Products, Institute of Medicine, March 12th, 2015: <http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2015/TobaccoMinimumAgeReport.aspx>



COALITION FOR A TOBACCO-FREE HAWAII

Tobacco negatively impacts military preparedness. The military recognizes the negative impact of tobacco on troop readiness and soldiers' health and has actively taken steps to reduce tobacco use through a variety of Department of Defense-wide and branch-specific policies aimed at improving and sustaining military readiness, health, fitness and quality of life. I have attached to my testimony a memo from the Under Secretary of Defense regarding tobacco use in the Armed Forces and the Department of Defense.

Public Support for Raising the Age of Sale of Tobacco

Following the Hawaii County Ordinance there was great support by the community, state agencies, retailers, and the media. The Star Advertiser "applaud[ed] Hawaii County for enacting a law that raises the legal age for buying tobacco products from 18 to 21, leading the way not only in the islands but in the country as a whole. . ."¹⁰ An independent poll conducted by SMS in 2014 for the Coalition found that 77% of Hawaii residents support a law raising the age of sale of tobacco to 21.

Raising the age of sale of tobacco is a growing trend nationally where young people are now protected in over 58 cities/counties in 7 states in the United States. Hawaii has the opportunity to be the first state to raise the age of sale of tobacco products to 21. This measure will continue to place Hawaii at the forefront of tobacco prevention and control.

The Coalition asks the committee to pass this measure and recommends an effective date of January 1, 2016 in order to allow time for education and signage production and distribution. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully,

Jessica Yamauchi, MA
Executive Director

¹⁰ Star Advertiser, "State should raise age to buy tobacco," July 7, 2014. Available at http://www.staradvertiser.com/editorialspremium/20140706_State_should_raise_age_to_buy_tobacco.html?id=265943971&id=265943971&c=n



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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Reducing Tobacco Use in the Armed Forces and the Department of Defense

Fifty years ago Surgeon General Luther Terry released the landmark report that conclusively established the health hazards caused by smoking. Since that time, many public health laws and Department of Defense (DoD) and Service policies have been enacted to reduce smoking. It worked. As a Nation, and within the Department, we have made great progress in reducing tobacco use. Yet, our work is far from over.


Tobacco use undercuts military readiness and harms individual performance. Lung function is reduced, physical capabilities are diminished, hearing loss is increased, and acute medical conditions are more likely. Wounded warriors who smoke suffer from increased risk of surgical complications and delayed wound healing. Additional threats to smokers include higher risk of stroke, cancer and for males, impotency. Smokeless tobacco brings similarly high risks of oral cancers and dental disease. Tobacco use costs DoD an estimated \$1.6 billion annually in medical costs and lost work time.


Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death; one-half of smokers will die from a smoking-related complication. For DoD, this equates to an estimated 175,000 current Active Duty Service members who will die from smoking unless we can help them quit. On average, smokers shorten their lifespan by ten years. Fortunately, they can regain all or nearly all of these lost years by quitting.

The Department must take a leadership role in reducing tobacco use even further. Tobacco use in the military remains higher than in the DoD civilian population and in the Nation at large. Although we stopped distributing cigarettes to our Service members as part of their rations, we continue to permit, if not encourage, tobacco use. The prominence of tobacco products in retail outlets and permission for smoking breaks while on duty sustain the perception that we are not serious about reducing the use of tobacco.

The Military Health System is committed to focusing on preserving wellness. Our military medical leaders have pledged their full support for this effort to reduce tobacco use across the Department. Our goal is to dramatically reduce the use of all tobacco by 2020. Individual military communities are taking action to curtail tobacco use, but we must develop more aggressive, organization wide reforms. Structural reforms in how and where we allow tobacco purchases to be made; as well as the need to consider tobacco-free installations, are all matters that require our near-term attention.

We appreciate your active engagement and leadership on this issue and look forward to hearing about your successes and best practices.


Jonathan Woodson, M.D.
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)


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Director, Defense Health Agency
Joint Staff Surgeon

March 25th, 2015

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The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

Re: Strong Support for SB 1030, SD1, Relating to Health

Hrg: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 8:30AM in Room 329

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SB 1030, SD1, which raises the legal age of sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices to 21. I serve as the Hawai'i director for the American Lung Association of the Mountain Pacific; our mission is to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease.

Tobacco use is still the leading cause of preventable death in the United States and in Hawai'i, and costs our state over \$526 million in healthcare expenditures every year. The American Lung Association released its annual State of Tobacco Control report this January; this report finds tobacco use kills 1,200 of our people each year and has an economic price tag of \$686,772,000. We can and should do more.

Data shows that 95% of adult smokers begin smoking before they turn 21, and a substantial number of smokers start even younger. This legislation would raise the age of sale for tobacco products and electronic smoking devices in Hawai'i to age 21. If our youth and young adults can make it to their 21st birthday without becoming addicted to tobacco, we are increasing their chances of living a tobacco-free life.

Raising the age is a growing trend nationally where young people are protected in 40 cities/counties in six states. Hawai'i has the opportunity to be the first state to raise the age of sale of tobacco products to 21. We respectfully ask you to pass this measure.

I can be reached at 808-687-5375 or knguyen@ala-hawaii.org, should you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

Kind regards,



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SB1030

Submitted on: 3/23/2015

Testimony for HLT on Mar 25, 2015 08:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Devin Wolery	PC Gamerz	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I oppose bill SB1030 SD 1. Adults 18 years old or older should be allowed to choose to use these legal products, particularly e- cigarettes and vapor products. People 18 years old are able to enter into contracts and make many decisions that will affect the balance of their lives, including their future health and welfare. This includes the decision to enter into military service. We live in a free society. E cigarettes and vapor products should not be under consideration for these added restrictions at all. These products are not tobacco, do not pose a significant risk to users, and are proven to be effective substitutes for smoking tobacco. E-Cigarettes should be removed from the definition of tobacco products. Thank you for your consideration

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Zehner	Hawaii Smokers Alliance	Oppose	Yes

Comments: We strongly oppose sb1030. This bill would force all smokers between 18-20.99 to quit smoking the instant it goes into effect. Is the purpose of this bill to force thousands of young adults to the black market? Worst of all, it would insult returning veterans who have the right to smoke even in places such as Afganistan with a bigoted slap in the face when that right is taken away from them upon returning to Hawaii.

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Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Health
Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 8:30 A.M.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol**

RE: SENATE BILL 1030 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") would like to **offer comments** regarding SB 1030 SD1, which increases the minimum age for persons who may purchase tobacco products or electronic smoking devices from eighteen to twenty-one years of age. Also amends the definition of "electronic smoking device" as used in section 709-908, Hawaii Revised Statutes and defines "tobacco products".

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

We have some concerns with prohibition of a legal product being sold to people who are 18 years old. By restricting the pool of customers for a certain product, this bill may infringe on the sale of a company's legal product and affect its business. This impact could be felt by small business. We also have some concerns on how this may impact Hawaii's #1 industry, tourism, as well as the active military personnel stationed in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 25th, 2015

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March 25th, 2015

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To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Oppose SB1030

To: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair, Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair, and members of the committee

Re: Opposition to SB1030

Hearing: HLT, Wednesday, March 25, 2015 8:30 am

I oppose bill SB1030. Adults 18 years old or older should be allowed to choose to use these legal products, particularly e-cigarettes and vapor products.

People 18 years old are able to enter into contracts and make many decisions that will affect the balance of their lives, including their future health and welfare. This includes the decision to enter into military service. We live in a free society.

E-cigarettes and vapor products should be removed from this bill. These products are not tobacco, do not pose a significant risk to users, pose no risk to bystanders, and are proven to be effective substitutes for smoking tobacco.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Vin Kim
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March 25th, 2015

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair, Chair
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Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

Date: March 23, 2015

Hrg: House Committee on Health; March 25, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Room 329

Re: Testimony in Strong SUPPORT of SB 1030 SD 1 – RELATING TO HEALTH

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Tobacco remains the leading cause of preventable death, with over 480,000 deaths in the US and over 1400 in Hawaii last year. To replace these smokers the tobacco industry heavily markets to our most vulnerable population, youth and young adults. Because of this over 4000 youth in Hawaii smoke their very first cigarette each day, and 1000 become new daily smokers. As a result, these youth will die 13 years earlier than their non-smoking peers, and will suffer from more chronic health problems throughout their lives. However by raising the legal age of sale to 21, one smoking induced death will be averted for every three youth prevented from smoking.

Most underage smokers obtain their cigarettes from someone close to them who is of legal age. A 15-year-old high school student is more likely to have an 18-year-old in their social circle, but much less likely to be close to someone who is 21. Raising the age of sale of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes will help protect our high schools, make it harder for youth to access cigarettes, and reduce the likelihood that our youth will start smoking and become regular daily smokers.

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On March 12, 2015 the Institute of Medicine (IOM) released a report on raising the legal age of sale for tobacco products from 18 to 21 in the US. They concluded that this simple change would result in approximately 223,000 fewer premature deaths for those born between 2000 and 2019, as well as result in 12% fewer smokers by the year 2100. Join Hawaii County and the other 40 jurisdictions across the US that have already passed legislation to raise the legal age of sale for tobacco products to 21 and protect the health of Hawaii's future generation.

Respectfully,

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Prevention Specialist/Counselor
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Mahalo,

Kaimo Muhlestein

Honolulu, HI 96819



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Rep. Della Au Belatti
Chair, Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol

Chair Della Au Belatti and members of the Committee on Health

I support SB 1030, SD1 that raises the age limit to 21 in order to purchase tobacco products and electronic cigarettes.

I know many of our troops having served in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan picked up the use of tobacco products due to the stresses they encountered. However, I am concerned with the long term health of our troops. Tobacco products will cause medical issues and increase the cost of medical care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert G.F. Lee".

Robert G.F. Lee
Major General
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Sonya scicchitano

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Delaying the age that youth begin using tobacco will reduce the risk that they will become regular smokers as they get older, leading to lower prevalence rates and saving millions of dollars in healthcare costs. With an increasing number of 18 year olds attending high school, there is growing concern of the access underage youth have to tobacco products. This policy would eliminate the pressures of illegally distributing tobacco products to high school students.

Tobacco use is a lethal and an addictive behavior, not a rite of passage or a sign of adulthood. Tobacco companies spend \$27 million a year in Hawai`i on marketing. They target young people before they can fully appreciate the consequences of becoming addicted to the nicotine in tobacco. Once they are addicted to nicotine, it is difficult to stop, and the health consequences begin immediately and accumulate over a lifetime.

According to the Institute of Medicine, raising the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco products would add 4.2 million more years of life to the next generation of American adults. Nearly a quarter-million fewer premature deaths and 50,000 fewer deaths from lung cancer among people born between 2000 and 2019. Predicted smoking prevalence would fall from 17.8% to an estimated 12% with the minimum age set at 21.

Raising the age of sale of tobacco is a growing trend nationally where young people are protected in over 58 cities/counties in 7 states in the United States. Hawaii has the opportunity to be the first state to raise the age of sale of tobacco products to 21.

I support SB 1030, SD1 and respectfully ask that you pass this measure today.

Mahalo,

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creagan3 - Karina

From: Donna Chalmers <markheritage19@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 1:05 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Strong Support for SB 1030, SD1, Relating to Health

March 25th, 2015

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair, Chair
The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

Re: Strong Support for SB 1030, SD1, Relating to Health

Hrg: Thursday, March 25, 2015 at 8:30AM in Room 329

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Of course you know the dangers of smoking and the long term financial impact to our health care services. I am sure you have also been told that if we can keep kids from starting to smoke before they are 20, they will probably never start.

Just think of the health improved. My parents and younger brother smoked. The later is the hardest to accept. He's 12 years younger than me and already has early stage emphysema.

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Please, please I respectfully ask that you pass this measure today.

Mahalo,

Donna Chalmers
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From: Lynda Hirakami <diabeatit@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 10:51 AM
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Mahalo,

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Mahalo,

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Mahalo,

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Subject: Oppose SB1030

To: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair, Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair, and members of the committee

Re: Opposition to SB1030

Hearing: HLT, Wednesday, March 25, 2015 8:30 am

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

marc justin laforteza
Honolulu, HI

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Spencer Ma

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jake J. Watkins	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jessica Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If 21 is legal age, then it should be so for all adult matters.

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Kathy Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nicholas Winters	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If a person is going to have adult responsibility they must have adult rights as well.

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Sean Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nancy Wilson
Waipahu, HI

From: Jimmy L. Wolarey <paradigm2@hawaii.rr.com>
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It should really be understood by those considering legislation effecting public access to e-cigarette (or vaping) products, that, rather than their being much the same as tobacco, they are actually different in almost every way. They contain virtually none (except for nicotine, when added) of the chemicals and toxins that traditional cigarettes do; the offensive odor is virtually absent; there's no 2nd hand impact; and any addictive effects are much less, since nicotine is not as addictive in itself as many of the additives put in cigarettes. If you're truly interested in public health, the availability of vaping products for those over 18 yrs. should be PROTECTED, not constrained.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jimmy L. Wolarey
Kaneohe

creagan3 - Karina

From: Alika Spahn Naihe <vishus808@hawaii.rr.com>
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Kalihi, Honolulu, HI

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If you raise the age limit to 21 to but tobacco or electronic cigarette products, i think more people will just be buying more alcohol. Leave the minimum age limit to 18

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Andy thammavongsa

creagan3 - Karina

From: Anya <sangchananya@gmail.com>
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Anya
Honolulu, HI

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April Pacheco	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Cooper	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chris Anton	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bryan Aquino
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SB1030

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Jeff Stevens	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: What a slap in the face to our troops that are under 21 that smoke.

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Napualani Young

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Orozco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill would force people aged under 21 to quit the day it goes into effect. Does anyone really think that tourists under 21 will enjoy suddenly being forced to quit smoking?

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Michael S. Nakasone	Individual	Oppose	No

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Honolulu HI

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Chris Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

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If the age requirement of nicotine is raised to 21 the the age of alcohol needs to go to 24.

They are not the same & the proof is that nicotine does not alter someone so much that they can not drive or preform at their job or drink 25 feet away from building doors. It's common to smoke a cigarette while driving, on a lunch break from work and smokers are given areas in public to smoke.

Why is that?

So if both require the same age is it because they both are the same danger? Then we should we allow drinking 25 feet away from public places, let people drink while driving & ensure when people are at work they can have a beer or shot of whiskey on break? Or do we also make it illegal for people to use any type of nicotine while driving, outlaw nicotine on the job & criminalize nicotine in public the same as alcohol?

I'm guessing most agree there is a big difference in how alcohol & nicotine alter a person & need different levels of responsibility. They are not the same. If you raise the age limit of nicotine to 21 then by default the age limit of alcohol needs to be 24.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Brent Lankford
Aiea

From: Bryan Mih <bmih@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 10:38 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Strong Support for SB 1030, SD1, Relating to Health

March 25th, 2015

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair, Chair
The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

Re: Strong Support for SB 1030, SD1, Relating to Health

Hrg: Thursday, March 25, 2015 at 8:30AM in Room 329

Dear Committee Members:

As a pediatrician and medical director of the HEALTHY Quit Smoking Program, I strongly support SB 1030, SD1, which raises the legal age of sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices to 21.

The early initiation of smoking before age 21 is an important problem to address. Over 90% of all adult smokers started when they were younger than 21. A higher purchase age effectively reduces access for those under 18 as well, since the vast majority of their supply comes from young adults aged 18-20. With an increasing number of 18 year olds attending high school, there is growing concern of the access underage youth have to tobacco products. This policy would eliminate the pressures of illegally distributing tobacco products to high school students.

The young adult brain is not fully developed at age 18 to 21. Impulsivity and risk-taking is higher, while the reward centers of the brain are more susceptible to the effects of nicotine. Tobacco companies have known about this for many years and specifically targeted young adults under age 21 as their brain chemistry makes them more likely to become addicted to nicotine.

Tobacco use is still the leading cause of preventable death in the United States and in Hawai'i, and costs our state over \$336 million in healthcare expenditures every year. I urge you to consider the adverse health effects from tobacco use.

I care for many children that suffer from secondhand smoke, as well as young people who start tobacco use and remain addicted to nicotine for their lifetimes. On a daily basis, I see newborn infants, children, adolescents, and young adults that are adversely affected by tobacco exposure. Effects include low birth weight in infants, increased respiratory infections in children, or asthma exacerbation in all age groups.

Tobacco companies have been proven to aim their marketing and advertising to children and young adults. By reducing access to tobacco for those under 21, we improve the health outcomes for many, and prevent the normalization of tobacco use for young people.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this important bill.

Sincerely,

Bryan Mih, MD, MPH, FAAP
Pediatrician

Bryan Mih
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Honolulu, HI 96822

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Bronson brown-kaopua
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dustin quiocho
Honolulu hi

From: Ellen Desruisseaux <katsuki67@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 10:00 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Strong Support for SB 1030, SD1, Relating to Health

March 25th, 2015

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair, Chair
The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health

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Raising the age of sale of tobacco is a growing trend nationally where young people are protected in over 58 cities/counties in 7 states in the United States. Hawaii has the opportunity to be the first state to raise the age of sale of tobacco products to 21.

I support SB 1030, SD1 and respectfully ask that you pass this measure today.

Mahalo,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Karl
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From: Kelsey Souza <kodagurl@hotmail.com>
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Testimony:

Date: February 10, 2015

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The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Members of the Senate Committee on Health
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: Strong Support for SB1030, Relating to Health

Hrg: February 10, 2015 at 9:00AM in Room 229

My name is Sabrina Olaes from Kapolei High School. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 1030 which urges Hawaii State to raise the age of sale to 21 to purchase tobacco products and electronic smoking devices.

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I support raising the age of tobacco sales to 21 because it will benefit my generation and future generations from the harmful effects of tobacco and e-cigs. As young as 12, I knew of classmates that started to use cigarettes. There were some who got so hooked, they started to do poorly in school. I remember one classmate who hung around friends who smoked. They would smoke after school and he started to go to school less. He got suspended for smoking on school campus and got held back a year.

About a week ago, I entered the girls' bathroom during class and encountered two students smoking e-cigs. When I came out of my stall, I noticed the girls weren't there anymore. Probably because they did not want to get caught just

in case I reported them. What concerned me was that they were breaking school rules and were missing out on class time to smoke. Then I thought about how their behavior was a potential health risk. Other students use the bathroom and could inhale the lingering ingredients in the air. And who knows who else does that. If those students continue to do that, they will fall behind in school and pose health risks to other students.

I grew up with a military father and having to move around many times made it hard to call one place home. Ever since I moved here in 2007, I've learned to love everything about Hawai'i. I care about what happens in the community and this bill is one step closer to a better future for Hawai'i's youth.

Raising the age is a growing trend national where young people are protected in 40 cities/counties in 6 states in the United States. Hawaii has the opportunity to be the first state to raise the age of sale of tobacco products to 21.

Mahalo,

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The legal smoking age is 18. Using vapors isn't any worse than smoking cigs, so what is the purpose of increasing the age to use vapes?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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